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"Fire on Ice" event Saturday at Black Cat Alley

Alderman Nik Kovac invites residents to fight back against the winter cold tomorrow (Saturday, February 3) with a unique "fiery" art event in Black Cat Alley, the open-air mural and street art gallery located in the alley running from E. Kenilworth to E. Ivanhoe between N. Farwell and N. Prospect Aves.

In "**Fire on Ice**," Artists Todd Mrozinski and Renee Bebeau will paint images of flames on a four-foot-wide slab of ice as a live performance in Black Cat Alley. Evoking Mrozinski's recent body of work -- oil paintings featuring built-up surfaces of paint that resemble fires and burning logs -- the duo will bring art to life with this unique winter art performance.

The **free event** will take place from **12 p.m. to 3 p.m.** There will be an outdoor bonfire on-site.

Master ice carver Max Zuleta, owner of Wisconsin-based ice sculpting business Art Below Zero, has perfected a recipe for food-grade paints that will stick to the slick surface of ice and Mr. Mrozinski is eager to see how his painted flames will look on the ice block "canvas."

"The East Side BID is scheduling year-round, unique art installations and activities for Black Cat Alley," Alderman Kovac said. "Black Cat Alley is an exciting destination no matter what the season or month – it's the place to be."